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HUMAN RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

Ms. Attah, Mr. Boutkevitch, Ms. Daes, Mr. Guissé,
Ms. Gwanmesia and Mr. Hatano: draft resolution

1997/... Protection of the heritage of indigenous people

The Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities,

Noting decision 1997/112 of 11 April 1997 of the Commission on Human Rights, approved by decision 1997/... of the Economic and Social Council, in which the Commission recommended that Ms. Erica-Irene A. Daes be entrusted with a continuing mandate to exchange information with all parts of the United Nations system involved in activities concerned with the heritage of indigenous people, with the purpose of facilitating cooperation and coordination and of promoting the full participation of indigenous people in those efforts,

Noting also that the Commission, in decision 1997/112, requested the Secretary-General to provide the Special Rapporteur of the Sub-Commission with all the assistance necessary to accomplish her work,

Recalling the Special Rapporteur's final and supplementary reports (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1995/26 and E/CN.4/Sub.2/1996/22) and welcoming the report of the technical meeting on the protection of the heritage of indigenous people (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1997/15),

1. Expresses its appreciation to the Special Rapporteur, Ms. Erica-Irene A. Daes, for her important and constructive work on the protection of the heritage of indigenous people;

2. Requests the Special Rapporteur to continue to exchange information with Governments, indigenous peoples and all parts of the United Nations system on the heritage of indigenous people;

3. Requests the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to convene, prior to the sixteenth session of the Working Group on Indigenous Populations and the fiftieth session of the Sub-Commission, a seminar on the draft principles and guidelines for the protection of the heritage of indigenous peoples (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1994/31, annex) with the participation of the Special Rapporteur and representatives of Governments, United Nations bodies and organizations, specialized agencies, organizations of indigenous peoples and competent indigenous persons;

4. Decides to recommend the following draft decision to the Commission on Human Rights for adoption:

> "The Commission on Human Rights, taking note of resolution 1997/... of ... August 1997 of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, endorses the recommendation of the Sub-Commission that the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights organize a seminar on the draft principles and guidelines for the protection of the heritage of indigenous peoples (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1994/31, annex) with the participation of the Special Rapporteur, Ms. Erica-Irene A. Daes, and representatives of Governments, United Nations bodies and organizations, specialized agencies, organizations of indigenous peoples and competent indigenous persons."

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